



ATTACHMENT A

The present invention is directed to an apparatus or system for collecting, using, and storing information in a biological fluid collection and/or processing facility ("facility"). The present invention can be incorporated into an existing facility's system via an upgrade to existing hardware and software. The present apparatus provides a data connection between laboratory instruments, including, but not limited to, existing blood and blood component collection instruments, such as the Autopheresis-C instrument which is supplied by the Fenwal Division of Baxter Healthcare Corporation [International, Inc.] located in Deerfield, Illinois, those described in PCT Publication No. WO 01/17584, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,581,687 and 5,956,023, and U.S. Serial No. 09/037,356, and biological treatment instruments, such as the pathogen inactivation instruments described in U.S. Serial No. 09/325,599, which are all assigned to Baxter [International, Inc.] and are incorporated by reference herein, and the collection facility's management information system which lends itself to automated tracing and/or tracking of donors and biological fluids data logging. Traceability is provided via integration of donor, operator, soft goods, and instrument data. The present invention further automates event reporting which is required for regulatory compliance.